

No 14-2003
Human Rights Commission

AMENDED

**FAIRFAX COUNTY
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING NOTICE**

The Human Rights Commission will meet at **7:30 p.m.**, Wednesday, August 20, 2003, in the Fairfax County Government Center, located at **12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia**, in **Conference Rooms #9 and #10**.

AGENDA

7:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes
Announcements
Community Concerns

8:00 p.m.

Staff Issues

Resolution Agreements
Staff Report

8:15 p.m.

Old Business

HRC #2001409E

New Business

8:30 p.m.

Commission Issues

HRC #2000253E

9:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Present : Chairperson Dunbar
Vice Chairperson Weaver
Secretary Clark
Commissioner Hone
Commissioner Lawson
Commissioner Lewis
Commissioner Makhdoom
Commissioner Margosis
Commissioner Samhan
Commissioner Solon

Staff: Executive Director Cash, Deputy Director Carroll, Fair Housing Program Manager Long, Assistant County Attorney Rose, Compliance Supervisor Santiago, Human Rights Specialist Davis and Secretary Stever

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dunbar called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on August 6, 2003.

Agenda: Executive Director Cash noted that there were no Resolution Agreements and would like to add Fair Housing Rental Report under Old Business. Commissioner Samhan moved to approve the Agenda, as amended. Vice Chairperson Weaver seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Minutes: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the minutes of July 16, 2003, as presented. Commissioner Samhan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Announcements: Executive Director Cash noted that at the last meeting the Commission voted to co-sponsor, along with all other Human Rights Commissions in Maryland, DC, and Virginia with the Department of Justice, Community Relations Division, a Seminar on Arab, Muslim, and Sikh Awareness to be held on September 25, 2003, on the campus of Prince George's Community College. He noted that they are looking for trainers from the communities and organizations. Executive Director Cash noted that Hikmat Beaini of the staff will be attending.

Commissioner Lewis announced that the fund raiser on July 18 - 20, 2003, for Tougaloo College was very successful. He added that they raised \$10,000 at the event for Tougaloo College. Additionally, Tom Joyner featured Tougaloo College as the HBCU of the month (July) on his show and raised approximately \$200,000 from alumni and contributing listeners.

Commissioner Lewis also announced that on August 14-17, 2003, that the Congressional Black Caucus Political Education and Leadership Institute will be holding a fund raiser in Tunica, Mississippi. Commissioner Lewis extended an invitation to all Commissioners.

Vice Chairperson Weaver announced that he had submitted his resignation letter to Chairperson Dunbar and Executive Director Cash effective September 1, 2003.

Chairperson Dunbar introduced Mr. Michel Margosis as the newest member of the Commission.

Commissioner Solon announced that he had been in touch with former Commissioner Virginia Peters and they are now in their new home.

Commissioner Hone announced that she is working on an outreach for Supervisor Gerald E. Connolly if anyone would like to help.

Community Concerns: There were no community concerns at this time.

STAFF ISSUES

Resolution Agreement: There were no resolution agreements at this time.

Staff Report: Executive Director Cash introduced Assistant County Attorney Rose who spoke to the Commission about legal matters.

Executive Director Cash just returned from the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies Annual Conference. He reported that at the conference they learned about the National Association of Public Administrations Report on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and their recommendations in five categories: structural organization, technology, staffing, case management, and implementation. Executive Director Cash reported that he was elected to the Board of Directors of IAOHRA and put on a working committee to address the issues of the report.

OLD BUSINESS

Human Rights Award Banquet: Executive Director Cash requested a motion to noted that a motion was needed to pay \$302 for Plaques for the Banquet. Vice Chairperson Weaver moved to pay \$302 for plaques from the gift fund. Commissioner Makhdoom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Rental Testing Report: Executive Director Cash requested a motion to approve the Rental Testing Report and forward it to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Clark moved to approve the Fair Housing Rental Testing Report and forward it to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Secretary Clark thanked Housing Program Manager Long for all her hard work on the Fair Housing Rental Testing Report.

COMMISSION ISSUES

HRC #2000368E: Executive Director Cash noted that the appellant has requested to have her appeal rescheduled because her mother is ill. Secretary Clark moved to allow the postponement in HRC #2000368E. Commissioner Samhan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

HRC #2001236E: The appellant presented testimony and responded to questions from the Commission. Following the appellant's testimony and response to questions, Commissioner Lawson moved to uphold the staff's determination in HRC #2001236E. Commissioner Solon seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

APPEALS

<u>Hearing Officers</u>	<u>Date Scheduled</u>	<u>Case</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>Panel I</u> A) Weaver, Solon, Strother, Tsai, Lawson	August 6, 2003	HRC #2001236E	8:30 p.m. (Tab
<u>Panel II</u> Dunbar, Clark, Lewis, Makhdoom Samhan, Hone	August 6, 2003	HRC #2000368E	8:30 p.m.(TAB B)